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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on June 17, 2005. However, to date, no Office Action has been issued yet.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and the Patent Office advise the undersigned of the current status as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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